

# Unit 2 Grammar

Level 2, Blue Reading Book

Simple Past Tense

# What you need to know:

- What is a regular verb and an irregular verb?
- What is a base verb?
- What is a consonant
- What is a vowel

# Today, we will study:

- The simple past tense
- When to use the simple past
- Regular Simple Past + Spelling Rules
- Irregular
- Negatives

# What is the simple past?

We use the simple past for an event that happened and finished in the past.



# Regular Past Verbs Base + ed

Regular past verbs end with –ed.

You can often just add –ed to the **base verb**!

Yesterday, I **walked** to school.      On Thursday, we **played** games.      Last year, I **missed** a test.

## Three Spelling Rules to Remember for making Simple Past Verbs

### 1. If the base verb ends in –e, only add –d

Closee – Closed      Livee – Lived      Receivee – Received

### 2. If the base verb ends in a **consonant** + y, change the y to an i, + ed.

Studyy--Studied      Marryy -- Married      Tryy -- Tried

*\*\*If the letter before the y is a vowel- just add –ed*      Playy – Played

### 3. If the base verb ends with a **consonant** + **vowel** + **consonant**... double (x 2) the last **consonant** and add –ed.

stop – stopped

nap – napped

drop – dropped

# Irregular Past Verbs

Some verbs don't follow the -ed ending rules. These are irregular verbs. Some common irregular verbs are:

Base	Simple Past	Base	Simple Past
Be	Was/Were	Have	Had
Begin	Began	Meet	Met
Come	Came	Say	Said
Do	Did	Think	Thought
Get	Got	Write	Wrote
Go	Went	Eat	Ate
Make	Made	Put	Put



Simple Past Irregular Verbs

# Negative Statements

To make a negative simple past sentence, use didn't + base verb

**Subject** + **Didn't** + **Base Verb**

I didn't study yesterday.      You didn't stop.      We didn't go.

They didn't have.      He didn't eat.      She didn't read.

If the verb is a **Be Verb**, use the **negative Be Verb** (Not Didn't)

I wasn't on time.      You weren't happy.      We weren't friends.

They weren't lazy.      He wasn't alone.      She wasn't busy.

# Quiz Time!

Pause the video, answer the questions, then press play to check your answers.

**1. He \_\_\_\_\_ to win and in the end, he was successful.**

a. tryed   b. tryied   c. tried   d. tryed

**2. Yesterday, I missed the bus and \_\_\_\_\_ to school.**

a. walked   b. walks   c. walk   d. walking

**3. I \_\_\_\_ sad at the end because Rose wouldn't share the door and Jack died.**

a. were   b. beed   c. am   d. was

**4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of homework in high school, but I have so much homework now!**

a. had   b. didn't have   c. didn't had   d. have

**5. After I finished class, I \_\_\_\_\_ my book.**

a. closed   b. closeed   c. closd   d. cloised

**6. They \_\_\_\_\_ when they lost the game.**

a. cried   b. cryed   c. crod   d. cryyed



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